

# List of acronyms and abbreviations

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Annex I	industrialized country group under the Climate Convention and the Kyoto Protocol
BSAP	Baltic Sea Action Plan of HELCOM, adopted in 2007
CBSS	Council of the Baltic Sea States
EEZ	exclusive economic zone
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EU	European Union
GDP	gross domestic product
G77	developing country group in the UN climate negotiations
G8	the Group of Eight, eight leading industrialized countries
G20	the Group of Twenty, Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors from 20 major economies
HELCOM	the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission, also known as the Helsinki Commission
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IR	international relations
JI	joint implementation
JPC	Joint Comprehensive Environmental Action Programme, launched by HELCOM in 1992
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NDEP	Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership
NECA	NOx Emission Control Area
Nefco	Nordic Environment Finance Corporation
NGO	non-governmental organization
NIB	Nordic Investment Bank
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PINRO	Knipovich Polar Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography
PPP	public-private partnership
PSSA	Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA)
RAO UES	Russia's electricity monopoly RAO 'Unified Energy System' of Russia, dismantled in 2008

TAC	total allowable catch
UN	United Nations
US	United States
USSR	The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, dissolved in 1991
VNIRO	Russian Federal Research Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanography
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWF	Worldwide Fund for Nature